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# **DECLARATION OF ROGER SALMONSON**

- I, Roger Salmonson, declare,
- I am the inventor of the topical analgesics and methods of use that are the 1. subject of U.S. Patent Serial No. 10/608,744, referred to above.
- I am also the president of Claire Ellen Products, which sells the topical 2. analgesic, sold under the trademark Menastil®, which is the topical analgesic disclosed and claimed in the subject application.
- Since the first commercial offering of Menastil® topical analgesic, the 3. product has enjoyed tremendous commercial success and received outstanding accolades and interest in the industry.
- In just the past two years alone, Claire Ellen Products has shipped 30,000 4. orders of Menastil® topical analgesic. The average retail price for the product is \$24.95 for a 1/8 ounce bottle.
- In addition to instantaneous commercial success of the product, Menastil® 5. topical analgesic has received accolades from various recognized authorities in the industry. For example, attached is a general letter of recommendation for the product

from Mary Lou Ballweg, the president and executive director of the Endometriosis

Association. As a further example, Dr. Victor E. Silverman, MD, FACP, FACE, a world
renown endocrinologist and the Chief of the Endocrine Section of Saint Joseph's Hospital
in Atlanta has touted the topical analysis effects of the Menastil® topical analysis.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## To Whom It May Concern:

In my work as President and Executive Director of the Endometriosis Association over the last 23 and a half years, I have met many individuals around the world. It has been a great pleasure to meet Roger Salmonson and learn of his remarkable and persistent efforts to develop and bring into the market a product that promises to free women with endless pain, or side effects and consequences from pain medications and treatments.

We have been very impressed with Mr. Salmonson and his team and impressed with the product. Because menstrual pain – and particularly the pain related to endometriosis – is not discussed in society generally, many are unaware of the toll it takes on women's lives. Finally, there is this beautifully simple product which helps put control back in the hands of women so they can be there for their families, their work, and their community. Please do whatever you can to help bring this relief into the hands of the many who need it. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mary Lou Ballweg
President/Executive Director

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